CLAIMS

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

- 1-17. (cancelled)
- 18. (currently amended) A method performed by a gaming device comprising:

generating an outcome of a primary game, the primary game generating at least one jackpot winning outcome and non-jackpot winning outcomes, wherein the primary game comprises displaying a plurality of symbols in at least one row and in N columns, where N is at least three;

offering a plurality of N different jackpots to a player, each jackpot being associated with a different single column;

incrementing a jackpot associated with a particular column when a jackpotincrementing symbol is displayed in that column; and

awarding at least one of the N jackpots to a player upon the player achieving a jackpot winning outcome.

- 19. (original) The method of Claim 18 further comprising awarding a number of jackpots to a player for a jackpot winning outcome in a current game based on an amount bet by the player for the current game.
- 20. (original) The method of Claim 18 where the jackpot incrementing symbol is a value.
- 21. (currently amended) A method performed by a gaming device comprising:

generating an outcome of a primary game, the primary game generating jackpot winning outcomes and non-jackpot winning outcomes;

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offering a plurality of N different jackpots to a player, each jackpot being associated with a certain jackpot winning outcome of the primary game, such that any multiple ones of the N jackpots may be won in a single game;

incrementing the plurality of jackpots based on, at least in part, the occurrence of certain icons displayed in the primary game; and

awarding one or more of the jackpots to a player in response to the certain jackpot winning outcome occurring in a current game.

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